

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DAVE HOPKINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 31, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dave Hopkins, for his years of invaluable service in fighting the opioid epidemic with the Kentucky All-Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System (KASPER). A true icon and pioneer in the world of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP), Dave has left an indelible mark on our Commonwealth—and indeed, the entire nation—for his leadership in fighting the scourge of drug abuse that has plagued far too many communities. His retirement on August 31, 2018 marks the end of a storied 13-year career with the Drug Enforcement & Professional Practices Branch in the Office of Inspector General; however, Dave will forever remain a part of the KASPER family.

Dave joined the KASPER team as Grant Manager in 2005, and has since secured over \$4.5 million in federal funding for this groundbreaking program. Indeed, in many respects, due to Dave's vision, KASPER has paved the way for successful implementation and integration of PDMPs in every state across our country. In particular, he was an integral part of the team that transitioned KASPER from a voluntary prescription drug monitoring system to a mandatory use system through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; this modification has proved invaluable in engaging the medical community in our shared fight against the abuse of prescription medications. In his role, Dave has worked tirelessly to educate prescribers, dispensers, and law enforcement to use this system and to help fight the spread of opioid abuse in the Fifth District and across Kentucky. Since KASPER became one of the first mandatory programs in the country, the Commonwealth has seen a reduction of nearly 90 million dosage units of opioid painkillers—which is a tremendous achievement.

Furthermore, Dave has worked on legislation and policy solutions, spoken at conferences across the country, and worked with state and international leaders to develop their own prescription drug monitoring programs. When I have had the honor of sharing the stage with Dave, he has been introduced by his colleagues and peers as “Dave Kasper,” a true testament to how he's become synonymous with Kentucky's premiere PDMP.

Dave's commitment to fighting prescription drug abuse extends even beyond his career with KASPER. He is a member of the Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, and has held positions in many organizations, including the Alliance of States with Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, RxCheck Governance Committee, Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative, and Operation UNITE—which is near and dear to my heart.

It is dedicated people like Dave Hopkins who will help us overcome the opioid epidemic facing our nation, and my wife, Cynthia, and I wish him all the best as he enters into retirement. Congratulations, Dave, and Godspeed.

HONORING THOMAS STUMP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas Stump. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas Stump for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORIAM TOBY ROBERTA STAHL

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 31, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Toby Roberta Stahl who passed away on August 19, 2018 at the age of 80. Mrs. Stahl was an activist who fought for human rights and worked toward equality and justice for all in Arizona. Our state will miss her dearly.

When Mrs. Stahl retired from her career as a computer programmer in 2000, she dedicated her time and efforts to fighting for education, healthcare, protecting families and human rights. She worked tirelessly for the Democratic party as a volunteer, serving as Precinct Committeeman and member of the Arizona State Democratic Committee. Mrs. Stahl also served as the president of Democracy for America-Maricopa County for many years.

Outside of politics, Mrs. Stahl worked to preserve Arizona's natural history, was a devout Diamondbacks fan, and spent time with her four grandsons. She also served as the auxiliary president of Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix for three years.

Mrs. Stahl is survived by her three children, Barry, Fran, and Carrie, her son-in-law, Lewis

Dickson, daughter-in-law, Patricia Angelucci, and her four grandsons, Jonas, Kai, Rei and Ari. Please join me in honoring her memory.

CONGRATULATING MR. CLEMENTE OTERO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 31, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Clemente Otero of Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, on his graduation from Santa Fe Indian School. Mr. Otero is 92 years old and was originally unable to receive his high school diploma because he was bravely serving our country in World War II.

Mr. Otero was one of over 100 students at Santa Fe Indian School drafted into the United States Army during World War II. Beginning in 1944, he served as a Private in a field artillery battalion in both the European and Pacific theaters. He initially served in Central Europe ahead of the liberation of Germany, and was then stationed in the Philippines until the surrender of the Japanese.

After returning home from the war, Mr. Otero worked in a variety of fields including masonry, automotive repair, and house painting. He also worked for the University of New Mexico's facilities department until his retirement in 1998.

Mr. Otero has five children, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. It was one of Mr. Otero's children, Grace Baca, who initially applied for her father's high school diploma through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Operation Recognition. This wonderful program recognizes the service and sacrifice of those who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War and were therefore unable to receive their high school diplomas when they were younger.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. Clemente Otero on receiving his high school diploma. Mr. Clemente represents what makes our state and our nation so exceptional, and his brave service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING MR. NELSON LEE TRIMMER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 31, 2018

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the birthday of one of Fairfield County, Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who continues to devote his life to bringing smiles to others, Mr. Nelson Lee Trimmer.

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